

Abstract of the Disclosure

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According to the method for providing character contents, when a request for retrieval is transmitted from a client terminal to a contents providing system through a network, the contents providing system reads the requested character contents by searching storage means. The contents providing system dynamically converts the character contents from character data to image data and transmits the converted image data to the client terminal. The client terminal receives the image data and displays it on a display to allow monitoring of the same. No problem arises in the visibility and readability of the character contents even when they are converted into image data, and a client can use the image data as reference data like character data. On the end of the contents providing system which provides contents, contents are stored in storage means as character data, and the character data are transmitted to the client after being converted into image data while maintaining operability in searching using keywords or the like. This makes it possible to prevent the client from copying and reusing the character data.